

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

[0020] A fishing apparatus includes a float, first and second fishing lines and a spring biased leader. The first fishing line is secured at one end for retrieval by an angler and supported at its opposite with the float. The second fishing line has a proximate end and an opposite end for supporting a fish catching device such as a baited hook. The spring biased leader is supported by the float and communicates between the first fishing line and the second fishing line. The spring biased leader includes a spring which can stretch from an unextended length to an extended length and a non-resilient leader line which is longer than the unextended length of the spring. The spring and the leader line communicate between the first fishing line and the second fishing line in a parallel fashion so that the extended length of the spring biased leader is limited by the taut length of leader line. A fish striking at the distal end of the second fishing line first pulls the float and eventually causes the extension of the spring biased leader until the leader line is taut, thus preventing the fish from applying a very sudden force on either the first and second fishing lines.